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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 6989

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: U.S. REGISTERED AIRCRAFT FORCED DOWN IN ANGOLA

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SUMMARY: INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DAO AND EMBASSY HERE CONFIRMS AIRCRAFT FORCED DOWN IN ANGOLA WAS U.S. REGISTERED WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PILOT. PILOT HAD APPLIED FOR ANGOLAN OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION BUT HAD APPARENTLY NOT RECEIVED RESPONSE. SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PLANS TO CABLE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT IN ATTEMPT TO SECURE INFORMATION ON PILOT. END SUMMARY

1. PRETORIA DAO REPORT (REFTEL A) GIVES BACKGROUND INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE ON U.S. REGISTERED AIRCRAFT FORCED DOWN IN ANGOLA. IT CONFIRMS PILOT, D.P. HEWARTSON, IS SOUTH AFRICAN WHO HAD CONTRACTED TO DE-CONFIDENTIAL

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LIVER U.S. REGISTERED AIRCRAFT N9110N TO U.S. OWNER, LISLE AIRCRAFT COMPANY, DALLAS, TEXAS. PILOT HAD APPROACHED DAO PRETORIA IN LATE NOVEMBER FOR ASSISTANCE IN VALIDATING HIS SOUTH AFRICAN PILOTS LICENSE TO FLY U.S. REGISTERED AIRCRAFT. HE SUBSEQUENTLY ALSO CONTACTED EMBASSY ECON SECTION FOR ASSISTANCE IN CLEARANCES FOR GABON AND IVORY COAST. DAO PRETORIA

WAS INFORMED BY FAA REPRESENTATIVE MONROVIA THAT HEWARTSON REQUIRED SPECIAL CERTIFICATE TO PILOT U.S. AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD NOT BE SECURED BY CABLE. HEWARTSON ADVISED OF THIS FACT. MEANWHILE, CLEARANCES FOR GABON AND IVORY COAST FOR FLIGHT BEGINNING DECEMBER 6 RECEIVED. HEWARTSON DEPARTED JOHANNESBURG DECEMBER 12 FOR DALLAS WITHOUT INFORMING DAO/EMBASSY.

2. FLIGHT PLAN WHICH HEWARTSON FILED WITH SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES WAS JOHANNESBURG; GROOTFONTEIN (SWA) LUANDA, AND LIBREVILLE. LUANDA WAS OVERFLIGHT ONLY. WITH FLIGHT PLAN, HEWARTSON INCLUDED REQUEST TO OVERFLY ANGOLA. BOTH FLIGHT PLAN AND OVERFLIGHT REQUEST TRANSMITTED ANGOLAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL BY SA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT HEWARTSON ACTUALLY RECEIVED ANGOLAN OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION.

3. EMBOFF DISCUSSED MATTER WITH OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF ANGOLA IN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DECEMBER 21, WHO STATED SAG HAD JUST RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM HEWARTSON'S WIFE FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING HER HUSBAND'S RELEASE. DFA PLANS CABLE ANGOLAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN STATUS OF PILOT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON U.S. INTENTIONS, EMBOFF NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSISTANCE FROM AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND WAS EXAMINING HOW BEST TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE CASE WITH THIRD COUNTRY MISSION IN LUANDA ONE POSSIBILITY.BOWDLER

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